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# Five projects to improve power delivery in east coast, says Pairin

KOTA KINABALU: The Federal government has approved five projects in the east coast to accommodate and support the electricity generation system as well as improve the quality of power delivery system in the area.

Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan said the Federal government had given its approval for implementation of the projects via the Planning & Implementation of Electricity Supply & Tariff Committee (JPP-PET) meeting chaired by Energy, Green Technology & Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnnity Ongkili in August.

He said the projects were the 18 megawatt (MW) Melawa gas turbine transfer project to Sabah's east coast projected to be completed in 2017/2018; a new 30MW

power generation plant in Lahad Datu scheduled for completion in April 2018; and, a new 60MW power generation plant at the Palm Oil Industrial Cluster in Sandakan which was expected to begin operations in April 2019.

"The two other projects are the 300MW combined gas power plant in the Palm Oil Industrial Cluster in Sandakan which will come on stream in stages from 2018 to 2020/2021, and the renewable energy (RE) project with feed-in tariff scheme from large-scale solar (LSS), biomass, mini hydro and geothermal plants for the east coast of Sabah from 2012 to 2018," Pairin, who is also Infrastructure Development Minister told the State Assembly here on Wednesday.

He was replying to Datuk Au Kam Wah (BN-Elopura)

who wanted to know the status of the additional 330MW power generation plant for the east coast.

In another development, Datuk Yahya Hussin said fishing equipment permissible and licensed under certain conditions were trawler, purse trawl, longline, sunk trawl and fishing line while illegal fishing methods included fish bomb, cyanide and fish gun.

"Under Section 25 (B) of the Fisheries Act 1985, those convicted of practising illegal methods of fishing could be fined not exceeding RM20,000 or a jail term not exceeding two years or both," Yahya who is also a Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Agriculture & Food Industry Minister he said when replying to a question by Junz Wong (Warisan-Likas).

Meanwhile, Tourism, Cul-

ture & Environment Assistant Minister Datuk Kamarlin Ombi said as a measure to reduce traffic congestion at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA), Malaysia Airports Berhad (MAB) had set up an action committee.

"The committee has implemented an integrated operation to issue summonses and tow away vehicles blocking arrival and departure traffic flow.

"The operation will continue to be conducted and intensified during festive seasons, he said.

He was replying to a question by Datuk Saddi Abdul Rahman (BN-Sukau) on the government's measures to reduce traffic congestion at KKIA from the transfer of Air Asia from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1.